

CLAIMS OF THE INVENTION

WE CLAIM:

1. A method of authorizing use of a card in a gaming machine comprising the steps of:
generating image information regarding a person;
storing said information on a card issued to said person;
reading said image information stored on said card at a gaming machine;
obtaining image information of a person using said card at said gaming machine; and
comparing said image information stored on said card with said image information of said person using said card to confirm that the person using said card is the party to whom the card was issued.
2. The method in accordance with Claim 1 including transmitting said image information of said person to a remote location in the event the person using said card is not the party to whom the card was issued.
3. The method in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said step of obtaining image information comprises capturing said image information utilizing a camera mounted to said gaming machine.
4. The method in accordance with Claim 3 wherein said gaming machine has a front which said person generally faces when playing games at said machine, said camera located at said front of said gaming machine.